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**FOUR MEN CHARGED IN
THREE AUGUSTA AREA BANK ROBBERIES**

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **Adrian Branham, age 32, of Mayesville, South Carolina, Isaac Doby, age 52, of Camden, South Carolina, Demetrius Freeman, age 24, of Camden, South Carolina, and Vincent Savageau, age 26, of Springfield, Massachusetts**, were arraigned today in U.S. District Court on an indictment returned by a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah, Georgia.

The indictment charges that between January 1, 2001 and the present, the four men conspired to rob banks and commercial businesses in South Carolina and Georgia. The indictment further alleges that on April 17, 2006, Demetrius Freeman, using a firearm, robbed the Wachovia Bank located at 2835 Washington Road, Augusta, Georgia, taking approximately \$62,111. The indictment also alleges that on April 26, 2006, Demetrius Freeman and Vincent Savageau, using firearms, robbed the CSRA Federal Credit Union located at 511 North Belair Road, Augusta, Georgia and the Wachovia Bank located at 3726 Washington Road, Martinez, Georgia. The indictment alleges that Freeman and Savageau took approximately \$5,137 from

the CSRA Federal Credit Union, and approximately \$30,500 from the Wachovia Bank. Freeman is also charged with three counts of brandishing a firearm during the course of the robberies, and two counts of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. Savageau is charged with two counts of brandishing a firearm during the course of a robbery, and one count of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon.

All four defendants are currently being detained pending trial.

Wood emphasized that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendants are entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove their guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the Augusta office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Special Agent Brian Ozden is the lead case agent. The United States is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jay Weimer.

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